

REMARKS

In the action dated December 2, 2005, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office required restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121 from among the following groups:

- I. Claims 1-5 and 11-18 drawn to a method of obtaining a transformed Dihaploid plant comprising producing transformed haploid sporophytic tissue, classified in class 800, subclass 278, for example.
- II. Claims 6-10 and 19-22, drawn to a method of obtaining a transformed Dihaploid plant comprising producing a haploid plant, classified in class 800, subclass 278, for example.
- III. Claims 23-26, drawn to a method of obtaining a transformed Dihaploid corn plant comprising transforming haploid multiple bud corn tissue, classified in class 800, subclass 278, for example.
- IV. Claim 27, drawn to a hybrid corn plant produced by crossing a transformed Dihaploid corn plant with another corn plant, classified in class 800, subclass 320.1, for example.

Applicants elect Group I consisting of Claims 1-5 and 11-18 with traverse and respectfully request that the application be examined on the merits. Applicants believe that it would not create an undue burden on the Examiner to conduct a search encompassing all of the claims. Further, Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications to further prosecute non-elected groups.

Should any questions arise or if Applicants or Applicants' attorney can facilitate the examination of this application, it is respectfully requested that the PTO contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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